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Amount allotted for Community Projects in Palghat.

* 78 *Q.*—SRI R. KRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state with reference to Community Projects what the amount is that is planned to be spent for the projects in Palghat?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The estimated expenditure on each project is Rs. 65 lakhs. This amount will be available for Palghat Centre."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" May I know what is the criterion applied in selecting places to be brought under these Community Projects? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I think I have already explained the matter and there will be many more opportunities for explaining the matter. The hon. Member put a question about the money. I have answered it. As for the criterion for selecting the places, it will be a long answer. I think it will come up in the course of the discussion on Demands for Grants."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Out of this Rs. 65 lakhs, may I know the amount provided by this Government, the amount provided by the Central Government and the amount provided by the Americans? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" This question was specifically answered some time ago and I gave the decreasing quantum of amount that will be given by the Centre and the increasing quantum that this Government will have to put in, in the course of the three years. Thereafter it will be entirely our own concern. I will come to anti-Americanism at another time."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" May I know the amount allotted for the community projects in Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The allotment is not by such a division as is suggested by the hon. Member. The allotment is for each centre and the centre is picked up from various parts of the State. So, any notion that there will be a proportional amount for each area and that there will be distribution in those various areas and so on should be kept out of the question. The whole point is the development of the State. For that purpose, various centres have been chosen and among the criteria for choosing a particular centre, the geographical position will also come into account. But, there is no question of proportionally dividing the money among the districts."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Chief Minister whether the selection of these centres that has been made is final or whether the Hon. Chief Minister will consider the desirability of changing the centres if it is necessary? "

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The selection of centres was made before I came in here, but the selection was not final. The selection can be altered, but in consultation with the Administrator of the Projects in Delhi in the Planning Commission."

SRI N. MAHALINGAM :—" May I know what are the village industries that will be encouraged under the community projects? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Every village industry that will increase the prosperity of that particular area by local co-operation."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" May I know why the Hon. the Chief Minister considers even a question asking him to divulge the amount of American aid, as anti-Americanism? Is it because American aid is suspect in this country? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have already given the figures that are available. So there is no question of secrecy or divulgence. Any further discussion on this subject with the prominent idea in mind, viz., that America is going to exploit this country, I call anti-Americanism."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Is it a fact that these community projects are considered to be pockets of political influence for the ruling party in the villages? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The villagers do not consider it in that way. But some hon. Members have a bee in their bonnet. It is not so, Sir."

Agricultural Credit Co-operative Societies.

* 79 Q.—SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of Agricultural Credit Co-operative Societies that are now working in the State; and

(*b*) the number and the names of the places where the Societies are functioning in each district?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (*a*) The total umber as on 30th June 1951 was 16,330. This is the latest information available.

" (*b*) The Collection of this information is a laborious task involving much labour and time. When the numbers and names are printed it will run to many pages and the cost of printing would be out of proportion to the resulting usefulness."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I know the total amount that has been given as loan to the agriculturists in the year 1951-52? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" I am afraid I have not got the information with me now."